



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Sharing our learning

Academic Year 2013 - 2014

- Year: 6
- Term: 3

Your Child's Teaching and Learning Team:

- Mr I Smith
- Miss Hardman
- Mr Hawley
- Miss Pendlebury

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term we are piloting our new curriculum. Instead of individual termly topics in each year group we now have whole-school 'Themes' and our first pilot theme is called 'Marvellous Machines'.

This is our third curriculum overview of the year and the aim is to provide you with information about what your children will be learning along with tips for supporting them at home. We are also arranging parent/carer workshops for **Wednesday 5th February** to explain the calculation strategies used to teach and learn the four rules of number (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Further details will follow in due course.

If you have any questions about the curriculum or if you require any support yourself please let us know. We would also like to hear from you if you feel able to support us in any way – especially if you have an interest or expertise in anything being covered during this theme. At the end of the theme we intend to have a whole-school exhibition - to which you will all be invited - so we can share what we have done and celebrate all the children have learned, achieved and enjoyed.

I would also welcome your thoughts and feedback either throughout the theme or via a questionnaire I will send home at the end of the theme. Thank you for your continued support; it really is appreciated by us all.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher

R.E. Topic 1: Local Church - Community

Children will be learning about how our lives are enriched by books, including the Bible, and how they can take a person beyond themselves.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- *Talking about the different books and the purposes for which they were written.*
- *Discuss God's love and what it means to you.*

R.E. Topic 2: Eucharist - Relating

Children will be learning about how friendships grow, what unifies people and what could undermine friendship and unity.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- *Talking about what nourishes and what spoils friendship.*
- *Thinking together about how we can make friendships which will last and grow.*

English: Daily Reading & Phonics Skills

Read Write Inc Sessions

Children on the Read Write Inc programme will continue to have daily sessions with their group aimed developing confidence with phonics, reading and writing. Children are assessed regularly to ensure that they are in the right group. If you would like more information about the programme please let us know.

Guided Reading

Children will also be developing their writing skills during topic work and R.E. In addition to their daily reading work they will have an individual reading session every week and bring home a reading book to share with you as well as a library book and a Read Write Inc book as they are ready.





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You can support your child's learning at home by:

- Reading your child's reading books with them for a few minutes every day as well as enjoying all sorts of other books and reading materials together.
- You can help your child to read signs and notices when you are out and about so she/he realises reading is everywhere.
- Encouraging your child to write as often as possible whether it is signing cards, making a shopping list, labelling pictures, writing stories or helping you when you are writing.
- Helping your child to form letters correctly. Please ask if you would like more information about this.

English: Basic Skills

Handwriting

Children in Years 1-6 will have a handwriting session at the beginning of each school day. In Year

Spelling

The children will focus on using roots words, prefixes and suffixes as a support for spelling.

Punctuation

The children will focus on using a range of sophisticated punctuation as add extra information into sentences for authorial impact.

Grammar

The children will focus on strengthening their understanding of verb tenses and working with different points of view i.e. first, second or third person.

Mathematics: Daily Number & Calculation Skills

We will focus on: Ratio and Proportion; Finding fractions of quantities of money; sequences and the breaking down of more complex problems into smaller steps.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- Working on times tables to 12 x 12
- Asking your child real life problems involving money e.g. I have £3.00 how many 27p apples can I buy? Etc.

Theme 1 Introduction: Marvellous Machines

During our first Theme the children will explore medieval siege engines and investigate their impact. The theme will consist of cross-curricular lessons and separate modules to ensure that everything is covered and so that deep learning can take place.

English: Creative Writing

Children will be undertaking a range of different genres of writing (fiction and non-fiction) which will be based around the Theme of Marvellous Machines.

Mathematics

We will focus on: the properties of three dimensional shapes; the properties of triangles and angles.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- Looking for evidence of 3D shapes in the 'real' world.
- Identifying triangles and discussing their properties.

Science

We will be looking at the topic of forces through our Theme of Marvellous Machines.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- Talking about what causes objects to move and to stop.
- Looking for evidence of forces including
- Using the internet and/or public library to research the different types of forces.





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Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

This term we will focus on the impact of war and conflict on soldiers, families and the general population.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- *Discussing the importance of peace.*
- *Thinking about why wars occur.*

Geography/History

This term we focus on: the Hammer of the Scots (Edward I) and William Wallace; Medieval Crime and Punishment; castle building and medieval warfare.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- *Using the internet and/or public library to research medieval history as detailed above.*

Design & Technology

In Design & Technology we will focus on building castles and medieval siege weapons and testing their impact.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- *Finding out more about different types of castles.*
- *Using the internet and/or public library to research medieval siege engines.*

P.E.

P.E. is on Thursday afternoon each week. Sessions are led by specialist P.E. coaches. This term they will cover... both indoors and out. The skills we will focus on are Hockey and Handball.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- *Doing lots of physical activity regularly e.g. playing games in the garden, going to the park, swimming lessons.*
- *By watching hockey or handball on the television or via clips on the internet so that your child can see...*

Music

Music is taught by Miss Pendlebury, our specialist music teacher. Our music module for this theme is called 'Cyclic Patterns'. We will be exploring rhythm patterns and pulse and learn about (and how to play) Gamelan music.

You can support your child's learning at home by:

- *Asking your child to sing songs to you and talk about music lessons. (Music is on Friday each week).*

